

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EGEN, EG

SUBJ: PROPOSED GOE CONSUMER PRICE RISES

REF: CAIRO 1014

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPARISON OF NOW -- SUSPENDED PRICE  
 RISES WITH PREVIOUS PRICE LEVELS OF CERTAIN PARTICULARLY  
 IMPORTANT CONSUMER PRODUCTS AS ANNOUNCED BY ACTING  
 MINTRADE AND SUPPLY ALIMAM JANUARY 19.  
 PRICES ARE IN PIASTERS (100 P. EQUALS LE 1).

| ITEM | OLD PRICE | NEW PRICE | PERCENTAGE<br>CHANGE |
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SUGAR

|                   |      |      |           |
|-------------------|------|------|-----------|
| RATIONED, PER KG. | 10.0 | 10.0 | NO CHANGE |
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LOOSE BULK FOR GOE DISTRIB.

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| SYSTEM PER KG. | 25.0 | 26.0 | 4 |
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TOP QUALITY CRYSTALIZED

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| PER KG. | 26.0 | 28.0 | 8 |
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| CUBES PER KG. | 26.5 | 32.0 | 21 |
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| PACKED CUBES PER KG. | 28.0 | 42.0 | 50 |
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RICE

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| WHITE, LOOSE, PER KG. | 5.0 | 6.0 | 20 |
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| 5 KG. PKG. | 150 | 175 | 17 |
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| TOP QUALITY FLOUR PER KG. | 7.0 | 12.0 | 71 |
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MACARONI

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| SPAGHETTI PER KG. | 12.0 | 17.0 | 42 |
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| OTHER TYPES PER KG. | 10.0 | 15.0 | 50 |
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(ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR PACKAGING)

BREAD

|                           |      |     |    |
|---------------------------|------|-----|----|
| LARGE SHAMI LOAF          | 1.0  | 1.5 | 50 |
| MEDIUM SHAMI LOAF         | 0.75 | 1.0 | 33 |
| SANDWICH ROLL             | 0.33 | 0.4 | 21 |
| LARGE WHITE LOAF          | 1.0  | 1.5 | 50 |
| WHITE LOAF ROLL           | 1.0  | 1.5 | 50 |
| WHITE SESAME ROLL         | 1.0  | 1.5 | 50 |
| WHITE ROLL WITHOUT SESAME | 1.0  | 1.5 | 50 |

(PRICE ON STAPLE BALADI BREAD REMAINS SAME, 0.5 PIASTERS EACH;  
PRICES WERE SET ON A NUMBER OF BREAD ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT  
ORDINARILY AVAILABLE IN MARKET)

|                              |      |             |     |
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| YELLOW MAIZE PER KG.         | 4.4  | IMPORT COST | N/A |
| IMPORTED ANIMAL FATS PER KG. | 90.0 | AT COST     | N/A |

2. PRICE RISES REPORTED IN PRESS EARLIER IN CONNECTION  
WITH BUDGET PREPARATION (REFTEL) INCLUDED FOLLOWING:  
BUTANE GAS FROM 65 TO 95 PIASTERS PER CONTAINER (46  
PERCENT); GASOLINE FROM 8.0 TO 10.5 PIASTERS PER LITER,  
SUPER GRADE (31 PERCENT), REGULAR GRADE FROM 6.9 TO  
8.7 PIASTERS (26 PERCENT); CIGARETTES, LOWER QUALITY, FROM  
24 TO 26 PIASTERS PER PACK (8 PERCENT), HIGHER QUALITY  
FROM 26.5 TO 28.5 PIASTERS (7.5 PERCENT). MEETERED TAXI FARES  
ALSO RAISED FROM BASE OF 8 PIASTERS TO 10 PIASTERS (25 PERCENT).

3. COMMENT: AS MAY BE SEEN FROM ABOVE LISTING  
OF ANNOUNCED PRICES, INCREASED COST TO CONSUMERS IS  
STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT IN MANY INSTANCES, DESPITE  
FACT THAT SYSTEM OF RATIONING AND CONTROLLED PRICES  
WAS RETAINED ON SOME OF MOST BASIC CONSUMER ITEMS.  
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